

HIGHWAYS

In this year's budget, my government invested \$581 million in Saskatchewan highways.

More than 1,200 kilometres of provincial highways have been improved.

With an eye to growth, my government has prioritized the completion of Highway 11 twinning between Saskatoon and Prince Albert, a new passing lane pilot project and the construction of the West Regina Bypass which is part of a long-term plan that will ease traffic congestion within Regina and help shippers move goods more efficiently around the city.

But we have much more work to do.

That is why my government recently committed another \$50 million to high-priority highway projects across the province.

In August of this year, 18-year-old Ashley Richards was working her first day as a flag person on a highway construction crew.

Ashley died after being struck by a car driving through a construction zone, a tragedy that was entirely preventable.

Working with the RCMP, my government has already taken action to improve safety in Orange Zones throughout Saskatchewan.

Additional measures will be taken to protect workers.

Fines for speeding through construction zones will be increased to triple the normal penalty.

My government also will introduce a legislative amendment to allow police to ticket drivers speeding through construction zones through the use of photo radar.

My government's strong desire is that these measures will cause drivers to slow down in the Orange Zone so this tragedy is never repeated.